

## 'Spy group' in Vienna

Moscow, Aug. 7.—A hunter of Nazis was accused in the communist youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda today of heading an Israel spy centre and of concocting stories of anti-Semitism in communist countries. The paper was commenting on the activities of Herr Simon Wiesenthal, head of the main documentation centre which seeks to bring former Nazi war criminals to justice.

It alleged that his organization in Vienna was subsidized by the American Central Intelligence Agency, the British intelligence service, the world Zionist movement and the Israel intelligence service Shin Bet. Herr Wiesenthal was recently reported to have obtained information about large numbers of former Nazis now living in east Germany.

The Moscow newspaper said today that he and his organization were busy searching for Nazis who fled to Latin America and Africa while they displayed "strange helplessness in searching for such Nazis who are openly living in Vienna near Wiesenthal's office". They were also active in distributing an "utterly false version" of anti-Semitism in socialist states.

The article asserted that the main documentation centre was in fact an espionage centre of Israel intelligence. It further alleged that Herr Wiesenthal headed a special group which interrogated people travelling from communist countries to Israel, and used the information obtained as subversive propaganda against the Soviet Union and other east European countries.

This organization, named as Palestine-Amt, had direct contacts with intelligence agents working at the Israel Embassy in Vienna under cover of diplomatic passports, Komsomolskaya Pravda added.—Reuter.